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1. WE ENDORSE AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI'S SUGGESTION THAT
DEPARTMENT REVIEW POLICY ON LEVEL OF CONTACTS WITH
LEADERS PORTUGUESE LIBERATION GROUPS. TIME IS UPON US
FOR CHANGE AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR WHATEVER
OPPORTUNITIES MAY OFFER THEMSELVES TO US. WE WONDER, FOR
EXAMPLE WHETHER ANY AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS MET FRELIMO PRESIDENT
SAMORA MACHEL?

2. WE WOULD ADD WORD CAUTION, HOWEVER, AT LEAST IN
CASE OF FRELIMO. UP TO PRESENT TIME, FRELIMO OFFICIALS
IN DAR ES SALAAM HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN
TALKING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT ANY LEVEL. FOR
EXAMPLE, FRELIMO INFORMATION SECRETARY, JORGE REBELO,
TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER YEAR AGO THAT THERE IS NO
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REASON WHY FRELIMO SHOULD MEET WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS,

BECAUSE THE US, BY SUPPORTING PORTUGAL, IS AN ENEMY OF
FRELIMO. INDEED, MOST OF OUR CONTACT WITH FRELIMO HAS
BEEN BY CHANCE DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS
WITH FRELIMO OFFICIALS. HOPEFULLY, IN VIEW OF FAST-
MOVING DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, AND SEPC-
IFICALLY IN MOZAMBIQUE, FRELIMO OFFICIALS MAY NOW BE
WILLING TO MEET WITH US OFFICIALS, WE SUSPECT THIS IS
NOT RPT NOT A SURE THING YET. NEVERTHETESS, WE
BELIEVE US SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH SUCH AS SAMORA MACHEL AT CHIEF OF MISSION
LEVEL SHOULD OCCASION PRESENT ITSELF.
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